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ABSTRACT

~~Codes, such as legal or other codified provisions are represented as rules forming logical expressions in a particular rules system. Conversion of these codified provisions to rules can be achieved manually, or partly or wholly through suitable automation. The interests of different parties affected by or having an interest in the codified provisions is represented by evaluation functions forming logical conditions that relate to the party's utility. For events that relate to the codified provisions, such as possible or actual violations of the codified provisions, the rules are evaluated in view of the event using the evaluation functions, and each of the party's evaluation expressions.~~

A computer system and method for interpreting codified provisions, wherein the method comprises conducting a search of documents pertaining to customized user-related interests in a computerized database; storing codified provisions of a document as computer programming language declarative statements that use logical expressions to represent a logical structure of the codified provisions; storing evaluation functions comprising computerized logic code representing the customized user-related interests in the document and related to the computer programming language declarative statements; evaluating the computer programming language declarative statements using at least one of the stored evaluation functions for an event

concerning the codified provisions; and presenting the evaluated computer programming language declarative statements to a user as a search result.